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The signing of the suffrage bill, granting the right to women to vote after July 1 by Gov. Lin Frasier of North Dakota, yesterday, brought joy to the heart of Mrs. Elsie Vandegrift Benedict, organizer for the National Woman's Suffrage association. Mrs. Benedict was formerly a Denver newspaper woman and is spending a vacation here.

"We made a strong campaign in North Dakota," said Mrs. Benedict last night, "and won by reason of the progressiveness of the people of the state with another element a strong factor in the final result. North Dakota has been 'dry' since 1899 and the fact that the liquor interests had campaigned against the suffrage act led many to believe that they intended to resubmit the prohibitory law, hence it was the desire to have the women given the right to vote in order to insure the state remaining 'dry.'"

"A third factor was the strong support given by Governor Frasier, the first farmer governor of the state. The act is similar to the one passed in Illinois and gives the country eleven full suffrage states and two partial suffrage states."